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**Chambers of Senior Judge Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr.**

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**Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr.**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
 Education: Vanderbilt 1952 BA, 1954 JD;  
 Virginia 1990 LLM  
 Began Service: August 25, 1978  
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Law School, Vanderbilt University

**Academic:** Lecturer, Business Law, University of Tennessee (1959-1960);  
 Faculty, Southeastern Paralegal Institute (1981-1991)

**Government:** Member, Tennessee House of Representatives (1964-1968);  
 Treasurer, State of Tennessee (1971-1974)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1956-1963); Partner, Haynes, Wiseman &  
 Hull (1963-1971); Partner, Chambers & Wiseman (1974-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1954-1956)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Tennessee Bar  
 Foundation

**Staff**

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**John T. Nixon**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
 Education: Harvard 1955 AB; Vanderbilt 1960 LLB  
 Began Service: 1980  
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** City Attorney (1962-1964); Trial Attorney, Civil Rights  
 Division, Department of Justice (1964-1969); Staff Attorney, Office of the  
 Comptroller (1971-1976)

**Judicial:** Judge, Tennessee Circuit Court (1977-1978); Judge, General  
 Sessions Court (1978-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1960-1962); Private Practice (1969-1971);  
 Private Practice (1976-1977)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1958)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Nashville Bar  
 Association; Tennessee Bar Association

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**Thomas A. Higgins**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
 Education: Vanderbilt 1957 LLB  
 Began Service: December 1984  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Willis & Higgins (1960-1961); Partner, Cornelius,  
 Collins, Higgins & White (and predecessor firms) (1961-1984)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1957-1960)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of  
 Trial Lawyers; Nashville Bar Association; Tennessee Bar Association

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**Juliet Griffin**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: Oberlin 1971 BA; Tennessee 1978 JD  
 Began Service: 1995

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr., United  
 States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (1978-1980)

**Government:** Clerk, United States District Court for the Middle District of  
 Tennessee (1985-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Middle Tennessee  
 (1980-1985)

**Current Memberships:** Lawyers Association for Women; Nashville Bar  
 Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Steve Wilson** ..... (615) 736-5164  
 Education: Notre Dame 1988 BA; Indiana 1991 JD  
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**Joe B. Brown**  
 Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
 Education: Vanderbilt 1962 BA, 1965 JD  
 Began Service: August 3, 1998  
 Term Expires: August 2, 2006

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney (1971-1981); United States  
 Attorney, Middle District of Tennessee (1981-1991); Special Assistant,  
 United States Trustee (1991-1998)

**Judicial:** Military Judge (1969-1971)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1965-1971); United States Army  
 Reserve (1971-1992)

**Current Memberships:** Kentucky Bar Association; Nashville Bar  
 Association

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**E. Clifton Knowles**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
 Education: Vanderbilt 1973 BA; Tennessee 1979 JD  
 Began Service: 2000  
 Term Expires: 2008

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chief Judge The Honorable George Edwards,  
 United States Court of Appeal Sixth Circuit (1978-1979)

**Legal Practice:** Associate and Partner, Bass, Berry & Sims (1979-1999)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Nashville Bar  
 Association; Nashville Bar Foundation; Tennessee Bar Association

**Staff**

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**George C. Paine II**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: U of the South 1967 BA; Mississippi 1973 JD  
 Began Service: 1981

**Academic:** Faculty, Federal Judicial Training Center (1984)

**Legal Practice:** Schulman, McCauley, Hollins & Pride (1973-1976);  
 Chambers, Johnson & Beckner (1976-1981)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1968-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Trial  
 Lawyers Association; Nashville Bar Association; National Conference of  
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